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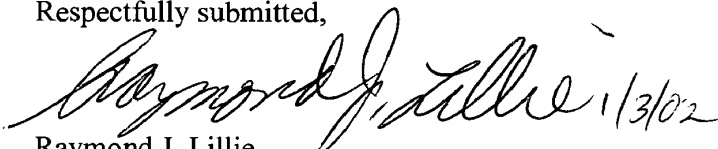
(a) transfecting a cell line selected from the group consisting of (i) a pre-packaging cell line including polynucleotides encoding the gag and pol retroviral proteins; and (ii) a packaging cell line including polynucleotides encoding the gag, pol, and env retroviral proteins with the retroviral plasmid vector of Claim 27 to form a producer cell line; and

(b) culturing said producer cell line to generate retroviral vector particles.

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment to the above-identified application in which Claims 24-28 have been added. It is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be examined, and an early notice of allowance is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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